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FOL TEL SENT ACTION BANGKOK FROM CHIANG MAI DATED 25 JAN 78
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QUOTE

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TAGS: SNAR, TH
SUBJECT: REFINERY SEIZURE IN CHIANG MAI

SUMMARY: PNSC/NORTH HAVE SEIZED A SUSPECTED ACTIVE HEROIN
REFINERY IN SARAPHI DISTRICT, CHIANG MAI PROVINCE, ARRESTED
TWO INDIVIDUALS AND SEIZED A LARGE QUANTITY OF REFINING
CHEMICALS AND EQUIPMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JANUARY 24, 1978, PNSC/NORTH SEIZED A SUSPECTED ACTIVE HEROIN REFINERY IN SARAPHI DISTRICT, 4 KM. FROM CHIANG MAI CITY. THE SEIZURE WAS RESULT OF A MONTH-LONG JOINT DEA/PNSC INVESTIGATION.
2. OVER 250 KM. OF CHEMICALS WERE SEIZED, INCLUDING AMMONIUM CHLORIDE, SODIUM BICARBONATE AND ACETIC ANYHYDRIDE, ALONG WITH A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF REFINERY

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EQUIPMENT AND UTENSILS.
NO NARCOTICS WERE FOUND. TWO PERSONS WERE ARRESTED, UNG BUK-SIW OF BANGKOK, THE SUSPECTED CHEMIST, AND BOONMEE BOONROD OF SARAPHI. IN ADDITION A PICKUP TRUCK WITH A HIDDEN TRAP WAS FOUND AT THE SITE. DEA IS CHECKING ON THE TRUCK'S VEHICLE REGISTRATION IN BANGKOK.

3. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE THAT THIS SITE WAS PRODUCING HEROIN NUMBER FOUR ON A REGULAR BASIS EVERY SEVEN DAYS. PRODUCTION WAS DONE AT NIGHT AND THE HEROIN WAS MOVED OUT BEFORE DAWN. THIS IS THE FIRST VERIFIED CASE OF A PROBABLE HEROIN REFINERY LOCATED IN THE CHIANG MAI METROPOLITAN AREA.

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